

Serial No.: 10/065,285  
Attorney Docket No.: F-560

Patent

**Amendment To The Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for processing form input data comprising:  
capturing user stroke data from a form including strokes made by a user with a pointing device by tracing over at least one form identifier character that is pre-printed on the form;  
processing the strokes in order to determine form identification data;  
retrieving a form template using the form identification data;  
processing the form input data using the form template, wherein the at least one form identifier character includes a plurality of distinct characters from a character set.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen and strokes are provided by the user writing on a paper form.
3. (previously amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
processing a pre-determined portion of the stroke data corresponding to at least one control string character to determine the form identification data; and  
receiving user pen stroke data from at least one data field of the form before processing the strokes in order to determine the form identification data.
4. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:  
processing stroke data that satisfies pre-determined criteria to determine the form identification data.
5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein:  
the pre-determined criteria includes font criteria.
6. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:

Serial No.: 10/065,285  
Attorney Docket No.: F-560

Patent

the pre-determined portion of the stroke data is related to a pre-determined physical portion of the form.

7. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the form identification data includes a form serial number printed on the form.

8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the form serial number printed on the form includes a dashed font.

9. (currently amended) A system for processing form input data comprising:  
a processor;  
a storage device connected to the processor;  
the storage device storing a logic program;  
the processor operative with the logic program to perform:  
capturing user stroke data relating to strokes made by a user with a pointing device corresponding to at least one form identifier character that is pre-printed on the form;  
processing the strokes in order to determine form identification data;  
retrieving a form template using the form identification data; and  
processing the form input data using the form template, wherein  
the at least one form identifier character includes a plurality of distinct  
characters from a character set.

10. (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen and strokes are provided by the user writing on a paper form.

11. (previously amended) The system of claim 10 further comprising the processor operative with the logic program to perform:

Serial No.: 10/065,285  
Attorney Docket No.: F-560

Patent

processing a pre-determined portion of the stroke data corresponding to at least one control string character to determine the form identification data; and receiving user pen stroke data from at least one data field of the form before processing the strokes in order to determine the form identification data.

12. (original) The system of claim 10 further comprising the processor operative with the logic program to perform:

processing stroke data that satisfies pre-determined criteria to determine the form identification data.

13. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein:  
the pre-determined criteria includes font criteria.

14. (previously amended) The system of claim 11 wherein:  
the pre-determined portion of the stroke data is related to a pre-determined physical portion of the form; and  
the form identification data includes a form serial number printed on the form.

15. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein the form serial number printed on the form includes a dashed font.

16. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the character set is the alphanumeric character set.

17. (new) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
processing the strokes in order to determine a unique instance data identifier for the particular form.

Serial No.: 10/065,285  
Attorney Docket No.: F-560

Patent

18. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the character set includes non-alphanumeric characters.

19. (new) The system of claim 9 wherein the character set is the alphanumeric character set.

20. (new) The system of claim 9 further comprising the processor operative with the logic program to perform:

processing the strokes in order to determine a unique instance data identifier for the particular form, and wherein  
the character set includes non-alphanumeric characters.